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For	:
	PRINTING BLANKET ASSEMBLY
	FOR A BLANKET CYLINDER AND
	METHODS FOR PRODUCING A
	PRINTING BLANKET ASSEMBLY

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, and with MPEP Section 609, the materials set forth on the accompanying form PTO/SB/08a are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the non-U.S. patent documents are enclosed. Copies of the U.S. patent documents are not enclosed.

Each of the documents set forth in the International Search Report, which is a part of the published PCT application WO 2004/054808 A1, is listed on the enclosed PTO/SB/08a form.

Each of the U.S. patent Nos. 4,643,093; 4,452,143; 4,635,550; 5,934,194 and 2,963,969 is in the English language. No discussion of these documents is required.

The various documents set forth in the specification of the subject U.S. patent application, as filed, and not also discussed above, are also listed on the PTO/SB/08a form.

DE 195 47 917 corresponds to U.S. patent No. 5,732,630.

DE 195 21 645 corresponds to U.S. patent No. 5,669,306.

DE 195 43 584 corresponds to U.S. patent No. 5,934,194.

U.S. patent No. 5,749,298 is in the English language.

U.S. patent No. 2,525,003 is in the English language.

Two additional documents were brought to the attention of the undersigned by applicants' principal representatives in Germany, without comment. Both are set forth on the PTO/B/08a form.

DE 43 07 320 is accompanied by an English language abstract. Both the C1 and C2 versions of this document are enclosed.

FR 1,367,860 does not appear to have an English language abstract or equivalent. It appears to show a plug or strip that is positionable in a gap in the surface of a plate receiving cylinder.

Entry of these materials into the file of the subject U.S. patent application, and their consideration by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

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